2015 ANNUAL REPORT

A CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCY FUNDED BY SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN THROUGH THEIR PURCHASE OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.

WHO WE ARE

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, or ODWC, is the agency responsible for managing fish and wildlife in the state. ODWC issues hunting and fishing licenses, and provides important information about outdoor recreation to the public. ODWC enforces rules and regulations, and has numerous programs to provide healthy resources and to satisfy customers.

ODWC receives no general state tax appropriations and is supported by hunting and fishing license fees and federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment.

OUR MISSION

To manage Oklahoma's wildlife resources and habitat to provide scientific, educational, aesthetic, economic and recreational benefits for present and future generations of hunters, anglers and others who appreciate wildlife.

Department Organization

ODWC is organized into five major divisions: Administration, Fisheries, Information and Education, Law Enforcement and Wildlife.

The Commission

- The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission is the eight-member governing board of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Commissioners serve eight-year terms and are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.
- The Commission establishes state hunting and fishing regulations, sets policy for ODWC and indirectly oversees all state fish and wildlife conservation activities.
- The Commission governs all ODWC operations and financial transactions. Members met the first Monday of each month to conduct business.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is a constitutional agency. It was created based on the user-pay, user-benefit principle whereby hunter and angler license fees fund department operations.

Your Wildlife Department

- More than 340 full-time employees, including more than 100 game wardens and more than 150 Fish and Wildlife personnel.
- Headquarters near the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.
- Offices statewide in Byron, Caddo, Higgins, Holdenville, Jenks, Lawton, Norman, Ponca City, Porter and Woodward.
- State fish hatcheries in Byron, Durant, Holdenville and Lawton.
- More than 70 public hunting and fishing areas.
- More than 1.6 millions acres available to hunters and anglers.

How to support conservation

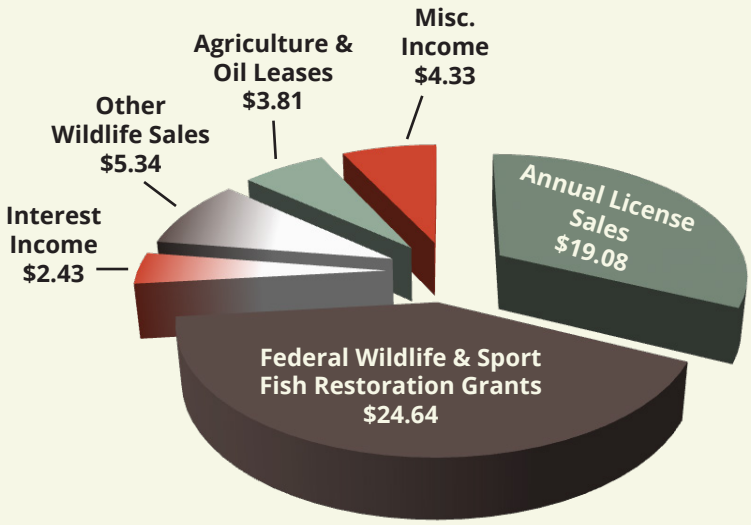
- Buy a hunting or fishing license.
- Buy a wildlife conservation license plate for your vehicle.
- Take someone hunting or fishing.

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Department remains a non-appropriated, user-pay/user-benefit agency that is funded either directly or indirectly by hunting and fishing license sales. In fiscal year 2015, ODWC operated with an estimated $59.66 million in revenue. Major revenue sources are annual license sales, $19.08 million; federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grant revenues, $24.64 million (based on a formula that includes the certified number of hunting and fishing licenses sold in the state); interest income, $2.43 million; other wildlife sales, $5.34 million; agriculture and oil leases, $3.81 million; and miscellaneous income including donations, $4.33 million.

ODWC FY 2015 Revenue

(in millions of dollars)



LIFETIME LICENSE

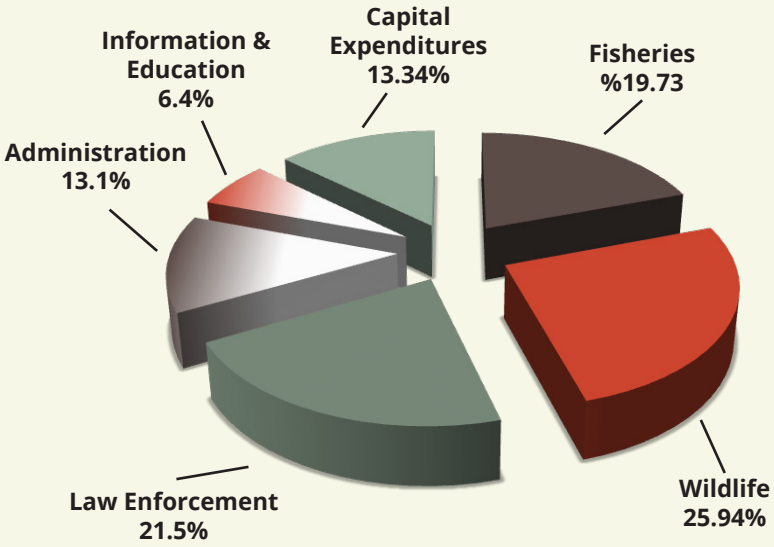
Trust Account

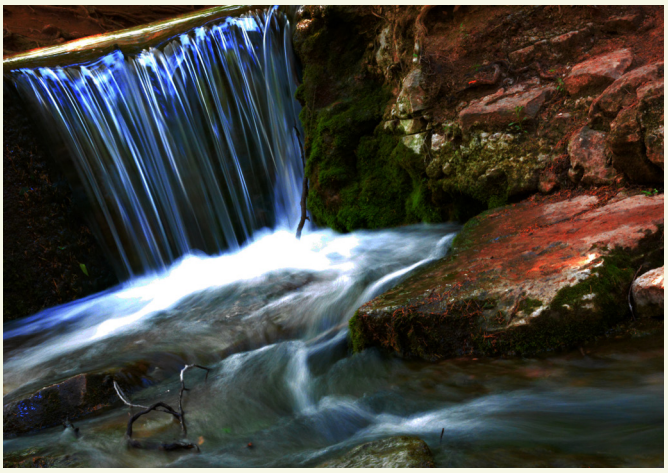
- Revenue from lifetime license sales is placed in the Lifetime License Trust Fund. The principal cannot be spent, but interest investment income can be used for ODWC operations.
- ODWC sold its first lifetime combination hunting/fishing license in 1969 for $150.
- ODWC has over 220,500 lifetime licenses since the first one was sold in 1969.
- More than 50 percent of all ODWC licensed hunters/anglers hold lifetime licenses and no longer buy annual licenses.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation does not receive general state tax appropriations. License sales and Federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program grant revenue are the two main funding sources for the department.

ODWC FY 2015 EXPENDITURES

(as percent of total budget)





Even though hunting and fishing license sales have remained stable over the past several years, the percent of sales relative to the state's population has decreased.

AGENCY EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for fiscal year 2015 were $57,418,791.

Fisheries Division expenditures were $11.32 million (19.73 percent of total budget).

Wildlife Division expenditures were $14.89 million (25.94 percent of total budget).

Law Enforcement Division expenditures were $12.34 million (21.5 percent of total budget).

Administration Division expenditures were $7.52 million (13.1 percent of total budget).

Information and Education Division expenditures were $3.67 million (6.4 percent of total budget).

Capital expenditures were $7.65 million (13.34 percent of total budget).

OKLAHOMA IS AN OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

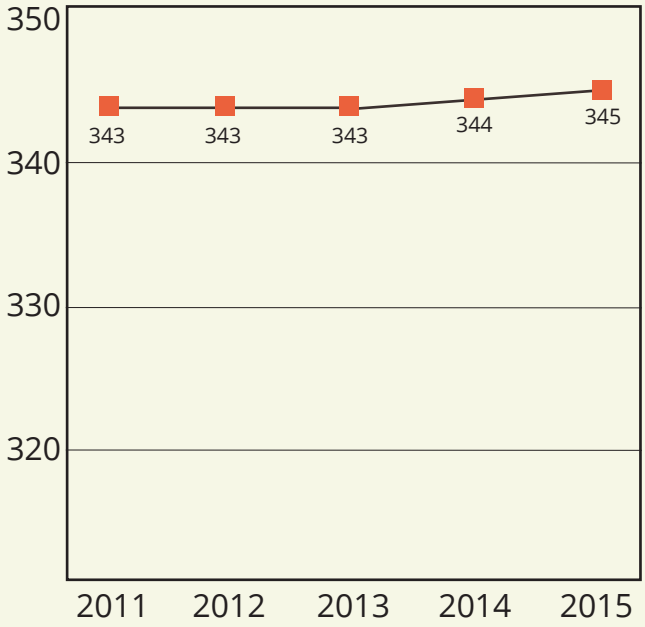
Oklahoma is one of the most ecologically diverse states in the nation, with more than 760 species of wildlife found in the state, including:

- More than 350 bird species.
- More than 100 mammal species.
- More than 170 fish species.

The Sooner State has:

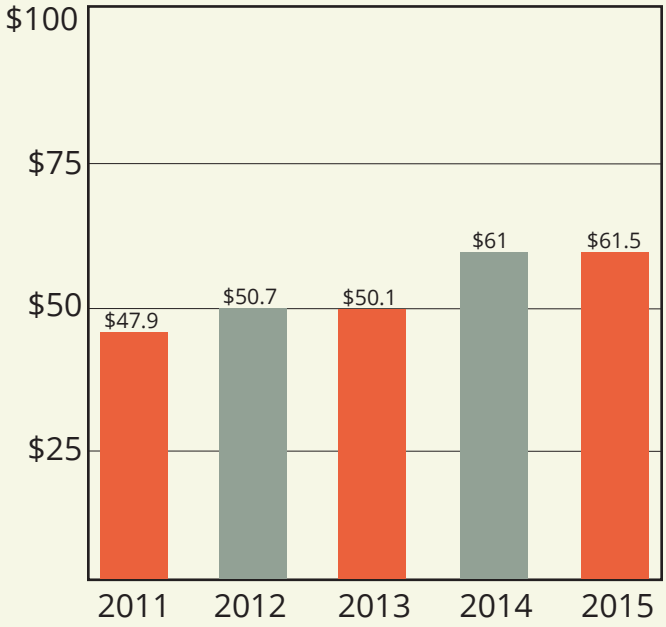
- More than 1 million surface acres of water.
- About 1,120 square miles of lakes and ponds.
- About 11,600 miles of shoreline, greater than the lengths of the continental United States' Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf coasts combined.
- About 78,500 miles of rivers and streams.

ODWC EMPLOYEE NUMBERS



ODWC BUDGET

(in millions of dollars)



A LEGACY OF CONSERVATION

- The Wildlife Department was created as a one-man agency in 1909. The first hunting license cost $1.25 to fund the Department, setting the precedent of a non-appropriated, user-pay/user-benefit agency.
- In 1956, state voters passed a constitutional amendment establishing the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as the constitutional agency it is today. The amendment was enacted in 1957, and the first board of commissioners was created to oversee the Department's operation.

The role deer hunters play in Oklahoma simply by participating in outdoor activities is far-reaching. The total economic effect of deer hunting activity in Oklahoma during 2011 was estimated at more than $400 million, and the total economic effect from 2011 hunting activity in Oklahoma in general was estimated to be $1.8 billion.

	Number	Price per License (Excludes Dealer Fees)	Total Dollar Amount
Annual Fishing	193,641	19.00	3,679,179.00
Youth Resident Fishing (16-17 yrs of age)	9,984	4.00	39,936.00
NR Annual Fishing	30,236	44.00	1,330,384.00
NR 1-Day Fishing	28,767	7.50	215,752.50
NR 6-Day Fishing	19,011	27.50	522,802.50
Resident 2 Day Fishing	5,356	9.00	48,204.00
Resident 5 year Fishing	4,661	75.00	349,575.00
Lifetime Fishing License	952	200.00	190,400.00
Texoma Fishing License	26,227	11.00	200,805.00
Temp Resident Fish	1,272	50.00	63,600.00
Lake Texoma - Texas			331,100.53
Temporary NR Fishing	255	90.00	22,950.00
Combination	17,481	36.00	629,316.00
Resident Combination Fiscal Year	2,538	47.00	119,286.00
Youth Resident Combination	2,312	8.00	18,496.00
Youth Resident Combination Fiscal Year	295	18.00	5,310.00
Resident 5 year Combo	2,620	135.00	353,700.00
Lifetime Combination	2,879	750.00	2,159,250.00
Disable Veterans Combination LT	226	200.00	45,200.00
60-100% Disabled Vet Combination LT	856	25.00	21,400.00
Wildlife Conservation Passport	475	25.00	11,875.00
Resident Land Access Fee		39.00	129,870.00
Resident 3 Day Land Access Fee	3,330	9.00	5,481.00
NR Land Access Fee	609	84.00	22,344.00
Disability Hunting	266	10.00	14,090.00
Disability Fishing	1,409	10.00	30,830.00
Resident Annual Trapper	3,083	9.00	6,822.00
Professional Trapper-Furbearer	758	68.50	1,849.50
NR Annual Trapper	27	345.00	1,035.00
Fur Dealer	3	100.00	2,300.00
NR Fur Dealer	23	Varies	1,805.50
Res Minnow Dealer/Intrastate	5	100.00	500.00
NR Minnow Dealer/Interstate	5	500.00	5,000.00
Res Minnow Dealer/Interstate	10	100.00	800.00
Res Minnow Dealer/Interstate/Extra Veh	8	25.00	325.00
NR Minnow Dealer/Interstate/Extra Veh	13	25.00	550.00
Res Minnow Dealer/Intrastate/Extra Veh	22	25.00	200.00
Mussel Permit	8	50.00	50.00
Mussel Dealer	1	1,000.00	1,000.00
NR Mussel Permit	1	1,000.00	0.00
Paddle Fish Permit	0	0.00	0.00
Non-Ambulatory	120,460	0.00	0.00
Fishing Guide License	0	20.00/90.00	23,640.00
Resident Aquatic Turtle	300	40.00	1,320.00
NR Aquatic Turtle	33	200.00	0.00
Aquatic Turtle Helper	0	40.00	320.00
Resident Turtle Buyer	8	200.00	400.00

	Number	Price per License (Excludes Dealer Fees)	Total Dollar Amount
Aquatic Turtle Buyer - NR	2	500.00	0.00
Duplicate Annual IPOS	0	0.50	3,018.50
Duplicate Annual License	6,037	1.50	2,667.00
Duplicate 5 year License	1,778	4.00	3,068.00
Duplicate Senior Citizen Lifetime License	767	10.00	5,580.00
Duplicate License - LT	558	10.00	29,970.00
Duplicate Disability	2,997	1.50	241.50
Duplicate Hunter Safety	161	5.00	4,750.00
Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator	950		12,900.00
Import-Export Permit	172	5.00	0.00
Field Trial Permit	0	5.00	65.00
Commercial Hunt Area-Combination	13	500.00	17,500.00
Commercial Hunt Tags	35	20.00	18,000.00
Commercial Hunt Area - Small Game	900	100.00	5,300.00
Commercial Hunt Area Big Game	53	500.00	18,000.00
Non-Commercial Wildlife Breeder	36	10.00	1,010.00
Commercial Wildlife Breeder	101	48.00	6,000.00
Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit	125	10.00	1,250.00
Resident Exhibitors Permit	125	50.00	150.00
NR 30 Day Exhibitors Permit	3		300.00
Resident Falconry		45.00	1,845.00
NR Falconry	41	100.00	0.00
NR 10-Day Falconry	0	25.00	50.00
Scientific Collector Permit	2	10.00	2,510.00
Resident Hunting	251	19.00	899,688.00
NR Hunting	47,352	131.00	675,698.00
NR 5-Day Hunting	5,158	66.50	369,939.50
Youth Resident Hunting (16-17 yrs of age)	5,563	4.00	16,128.00
Commercial Hunt - 10 Day	4,032	5.00	12,700.00
5 Day Rattlesnake Permit	2,540	4.00	932.00
Hunting Dog Trainer	233	10.00	1,190.00
Waterfowl Stamps Collectors	119	9.00	3,528.00
Fox, Raccoon, Bobcat	392	9.00	15,993.00
NR Fox, Raccoon, Bobcat	1,777	50.00	4,600.00
Waterfowl Stamp - DS	92	9.00	173,907.00
Lifetime Hunting	19,323	600.00	203,400.00
Resident 5 year Hunting	339	75.00	96,000.00
Turkey - Spring	1,280	9.00	142,425.00
Turkey - Fall	15,825	9.00	29,718.00
Resident Antelope - Special Hunts	3,302	50.00	400.00
NR Antelope - Special Hunts	8	295.00	0.00
Resident - Elk	0	50.00	11,800.00
Spec Hunt - Elk	236	50.00	450.00
Spec Hunt - NR Elk	9	295.00	0.00
Non-Resident - Elk	0	295.00	9,145.00
NR Special Hunt Permit	31	50.00	1,000.00
Spec Hunt Application Fee	20	5.00	100,965.00

	Number	Price per License (Excludes Dealer Fees)	Total Dollar Amount
Res Spec Hunt Youth Deer Tag (Antlerless)		9.00	792.00
Res Spec Hunt Youth Deer Tag (Any Sex)	88	9.00	4,905.00
Res Spec Hunt Youth Deer Tag (Antlered)	547	9.00	0.00
CH Youth Deer Private Lands	0	9.00	378.00
Spec Hunt Youth Deer Prmitive - Antlerless res	42	10.00	570.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer PrImitive Tag (Any Sex)	57	19.00	1,007.00
Spec Hunt Youth Deer Primitive - any sex res	53	10.00	840.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer PrImitive Tag (Antlered)	84	19.00	0.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Primitive Tag (Antlerless)	0	19.00	1,805.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Primitive Tag (Any Sex)	95	195.00	0.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Primitive Tag (Antlerless)	0	195.00	0.00
Spec Hunt Youth Deer Archery - any sex res	0	10.00	420.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Archery Tag (Any Sex)	42	19.00	5,187.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Archery Tag (Antlerless)	275	19.00	646.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Archery Tag (Any Sex)	34	195.00	4,485.00
Res Spec Hunt Youth Deer Archery Tag (Antlerless)	23	9.00	60.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Any Sex)	6	19.00	4,351.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Antlered)	229	19.00	19.00
Res Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Antlerless)	1	19.00	1,178.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Any Sex)	62	195.00	195.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Antlered)	1	195.00	0.00
NR Spec Hunt Deer Gun Tag (Antlerless)	0	195.00	0.00
Special Hunt Turkey	0	9.00	243.00
Resident Deer Archery	27	19.00	540,018.00
Resident Deer Primitive-Buck	28,422	19.00	193,553.00
Resident Deer Primitive-Doe	10,187	19.00	104,595.00
Resident Special Antlerless Deer Gun SPX	5,505	19.00	70,243.00
Resident Deer Gun Buck	3,697	19.00	724,793.00
Resident Deer Gun Antlerless	38,147	19.00	434,568.00
Resident Youth Deer Gun	22,872	9.00	190,359.00
Resident Youth Deer Antlerless	21,151	9.00	150,174.00
Res Youth Special Antlerless Deer Gun YSX	16,686	9.00	13,086.00
NR Deer Archery	1,454	269.00	819,912.00
Resident Youth Deer Archery	3,048	9.00	58,977.00
NR Deer Primitive Buck	6,553	269.00	206,054.00
Resident Youth Deer Primitive (Antlerless)	766	9.00	14,130.00
Resident Youth Deer Primitive (Antlered)	1,570	9.00	22,599.00
NR Deer Gun	2,511	269.00	1,252,733.00
NR Temporary Hunting	4,657	145.00	6,815.00
Temp Resident Hunt	47	50.00	5,900.00
Temp Res Waterfowl	118	50.00	1,650.00
Temp NR Waterfowl	33	145.00	145.00
HIP - Harvest Information Permit	1	2.00	42,808.00
Sand hill Crane Permit	53,914	2.00	1,118.00
Resident Antelope	4,461	50.00	1,500.00
NR Antelope	30	295.00	6,785.00
Resident Bear	23	100.00	35,600.00

	Number	Price per License (Excludes Dealer Fees)	Total Dollar Amount
NR Bear	356	500.00	18,000.00
NR Annual Hunting Fiscal Year	36	165.00	287,100.00
Res Hunting - Fiscal Year	1,740	26.00	141,128.00
Youth Resident Hunting Fiscal Yr (16-17 yrs of age)	5,428	6.00	4,590.00
Senior Citizen Combination	765	24.25	110,070.75
Senior Citizen LT Fishing	4,539	14.25	44,887.50
Senior Citizen LT Hunting	3,150	14.25	2,294.25
Fish & Hunt Legacy LT	161	20.00	83,400.00
Fish & Hunt Legacy Oper LT	4,170	5.00	20,850.00
Fish & Hunt Legacy Annual	4,170	4.00	1,483,328.00
Fish & Hunt Legacy Operations	370,832	1.00	370,832.00
Fish & Hunt Legacy 5 year	370,832	10.00	85,610.00
Fish & Hunt Legacy 5 year Operations	8,561	2.00	17,122.00
	8,561		
TOTALS			**21,107,243.53**
	1,613,984		

The "Number" column multiplied by "Price per License" does not always equal the "Total Amount" due to price increases or decreases. All nonresident license fees include a portion of the fee set aside for wildlife habitat.

LICENSE COST HISTORY

Annual Licenses (hunting or fishing)

Year	Cost
1909*	$1.25
1950	$2.00
1968	$3.25
1975	$5.00
1982	$7.50
1986	$10.00
1995	$12.50
2003 (July 1)	$20.00
2005***	$25.00

Lifetime License

Year	Combination	Fishing	Hunting
1968**	$150	$100	$100
1975	$225	$125	$125
1982	$400	$125	$300
1995	$525	$150	$400
2003 (July 1)	$750	$200	$600
2005***	$775	$225	$625

* First Hunting License issued
** First Lifetime License Fees
*** Increased to include Legacy Permit

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